

# TOWN OF ESSEX

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Edward Gardner  
**Supervisor**

Patricia Gardner  
**Town Clerk**

## TOWN COUNCIL:

Mark Wrisley  
Bryan Garvey  
Claire LaPine  
James LaForest

Town Board  
December 10, 2015  
7:00pm

Supervisor Gardner opened the meeting with the pledge.

Roll Call: Supervisor Gardner, Councilpersons; LaForest, LaPine, Garvey and Wrisley.

Also in attendance: James Graves, Nathan Henderson, Cara Sipprelle, Gretel Schueller, Jay White, Lauren Murphy & Ken Hughes

Acceptance of the minutes of:

11/12/15 Regular Meeting – Motion by James LaForest seconded by Claire LaPine.

Roll Call:	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson Wrisley	x	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

11/16/15 Special Meeting - Motion made by James LaForest seconded by Claire LaPine

Roll Call:	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson Wrisley	x	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Supervisor Gardner offered the floor to James Graves.

James was here to ask if a group of people in the area could meet on Sundays for a Quaker style meeting at the Octagonal Schoolhouse. It is the same request that he sent the board in a letter dated December 6, 2015. They are asking the board to put electricity back into the building so they could use heaters. Bryan was concerned with the power. There would need to be a new box installed and an inspection. James L stated that the Historian was in favor of this use. He said there would also be a parking issue that would need to be addressed and you have an alternative plan listed. Claire agreed with the parking issue and it is her major concern for any use of the building. Supervisor Gardner is concerned about the insurance cost that we may incur with this use. He said he would check this out with our insurer. Claire said she was also concerned with using space heaters powered through lead cords. There was also discussion about making parking when the state does work in that area. James L stated that there was a steering committee being established for this and would James Graves like to be a member. James G asked if they could meet there using it without any electrical service while waiting for the questions to be answered. Supervisor Gardner also stated that we would need a contract drawn up before this can be used.

By a motion made by James LaForest and seconded by Bryan Garvey this will be tabled the answers to the above questions are answered and a contract drawn up. All in favor. No Nays.

Supervisor Gardner asked if there was anyone else who would like to address the board. There were none.

Patricia Gardner, Town Clerk gave an update on our web site. Maureen DeLaughter has volunteered to get the site up and running. She has a goal of it being on line by the first of the year.

The town clerk also asked the board to purchase the Small Town Clerk Licensing program through BAS. The total cost for the first year is \$1,320, with an annual fee after the first year of \$330 for Maintenance and Support. There is currently enough money left in the Town Clerk budget to purchase this. This system supports all aspects of the town clerk. Bryan asked if it can be used with the bookkeeping program to which the answer is no.

Motion made by Bryan Garvey, seconded by Claire LaPine to allow the Town Clerk to purchase this program.

Roll Call Vote:	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Wrisley	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Bryan asked if this program will help track down dog licenses? Patricia told him that yes it does have a dog license but that is not going to help. She explained that she talked with the Town Clerk in Willsboro and they have the same issues as we do. After much discussion, it was decided to continue the program as we do now and hope that residents will come forward and pay for this. It is a state law that the town issue licenses and a part of this fee is sent to the state.

Supervisor Gardner gave an update on the Ground Water. On Monday a new well was drilled on the north side of the park, going down 500 feet getting only a gallon a minute. The other well on Beggs' was fracked and seems to have been successful. We are at 20 gallons a minute and the level has not dropped. They are bringing other equipment tomorrow and this will let us know more. The core drilling in Willsboro had negative results, hitting bed rock and clay. He will get the reports to the board members. It was asked if there are water quality reports that are available to see on the Beggs well and yes there is. This is available at the office.

The training for newly elected officials is being held January 13-15. Gretel and Pat would like to attend. A motion by Mark Wrisley and seconded by Claire LaPine was made approving the training for Gretel and Pat.

Roll Call Vote:	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Wrisley	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

It was decided to have the Year End Meeting on December 29, 2015 at 6pm, to be advertised as such and to include any other business that may come before the board.

It was decided to hold the Organizational Meeting and the Monthly Board Meeting on the same night with one following the other, on January 4, 2016 starting at 6pm.

### **Resolution 103-2015 – Budget Inter-fund Movement December 10, 2015**

This resolution is being offered to give the Supervisor, as Chief Fiscal Officer, the authority to move the necessary funds between budget lines, to balance the lines as required by the State Comptroller's Office. This will not involve movement of any budgeted item between funds, only inter-fund. These changes will be provided in detail upon completion of the annual report.

Motion Made By: Mark Wrisley

Seconded By: James LaForest

	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson Wrisley	x	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

**Resolution 104-2015**  
**December 10, 2015**

Supervisor Gardner made a motion, to honor Mark Wrisley for his 16 years of service on the Town Board. This includes many hours of community service. His service to this community has been greatly appreciated.

A unanimous second was offered by the board.  
All in favor, no nays

Supervisor Gardner asked for a motion to pay the abstract. Two bills were questioned. After discussion it was decided to withdraw the bill from Contact Communication to see if these pagers were still being used. The Town Clerk recalculated the total on the Abstract. Bryan Garvey made and James LaForest seconded a motion to pay the adjusted abstract.

Roll Call Vote:	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Wrisley	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson LaForest	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Bryan Garvey made a motion and Claire LaPine seconded a motion to accept the Town Clerk and Supervisor reports. All in favor, no nays.

Supervisor Gardner asked for a motion to go into executive session for a personnel matter and possible litigation. Mr. Jay White asked if he could address the board before they went into session. Mr. White wanted to know why the board had not acted upon the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals, to which he is a member of, in reference to the Wrisley variance. It has been since July and the building has not been moved. Supervisor Gardner stopped Mr. White telling him that this was not relevant to this meeting and that it should be taken through the proper channels. Mr. White refused to stop talking about the matter and Supervisor Gardner again asked him to take a seat and be quiet to which Mr. White refused. He thanked him for his opinion but that this was not going to be discussed at this time. He again refused to sit and stop speaking. Supervisor Gardner rose to call someone to remove him from the room. Mr. White stated that you are going to have a federal officer removed and he then submitted to the request.

Again Supervisor Gardner asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. James LaForest made ad Bryan Garvey seconded a motion to go into executive session at 8:13pm. All in favor no nays.

At 8:36pm motion by Supervisor Gardner and seconded by James LaForest to come out of executive session. There were no decision made at this time.

With no other business before the board, Mark Wrisley made a motion to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Gardner

